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Mrs. M. E. Titus.

Whatcom Co., Wash., Nov. 8, 1899.

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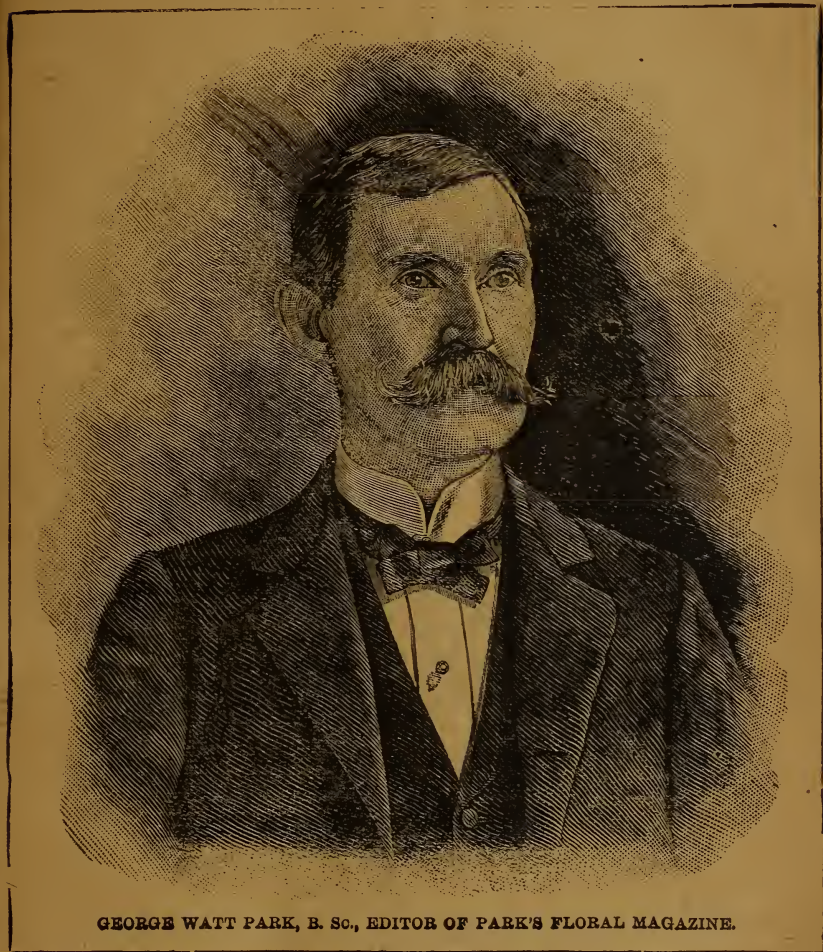
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GEORGE WATT PARK, B. Sc., EDITOR OF PARK'S FLORAL MAGAZINE.

## THE EDITOR'S PORTRAIT.

**I**N compliance with the wishes of very many of the friends of the MAGAZINE, the Editor's portrait is herewith given. The engraving was made upon fine boxwood, from a photograph taken September 27, 1899, at the studio of Mr. A. L. Rogers, Chambersburg, Pa. The portrait has been variously commented upon by personal friends, one declaring that "the appearance is older than that of the Editor"; "the hair and mustache look gray,"

which is not true of the Editor's hair and mustache; "the face is too long and too lean for a true likeness," etc., etc. As to the justice of most of these comments the Editor is not prepared to say, as he has never been able to "see himself as others see him." The portrait is, nevertheless, given, with the entertained hope that it will afford the many thousands of esteemed friends and flower-lovers throughout the land some idea of the general appearance of the Editor and Publisher of **PARK'S FLORAL MAGAZINE.**

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**Plants for a Cellar.**—In a warm cellar where there are windows having a sunny exposure to the east, southeast or south, such plants as Sweet Alyssum, Double Daisy, Calendula, Pansies, Violets, Ox-eye Daisy, Chrysanthemum carinatum and Tagetes signata will bloom for many weeks if the plants are grown in pots and are in good blooming condition when winter begins. They should be inured to their blooming quarters by degrees, so that the change from outdoors to the cellar may not be immediate.

**Chrysanthemums.**—Anyone can succeed in starting the Autumn Chrysanthemums from the shoots which issue from the base of the old plants after the flowers fade, and such slips will become handsome blooming plants by autumn the next season. The plants are easily started, and easily cared for. Keep them in a shady place in summer, and water regularly and liberally, pinching, pruning and training to promote the beauty of form and flower, and syringing to keep the plants clean.

**From Seeds.**—Asparagus Sprengeri, Asparagus plumosus and Boston Smilax (Myrsiphyllum asparagoides) are all propagated from seeds. It is possible, however, to start plants of these by division, if the stock plants are large, and care is taken in the separation. This method is not to be recommended, except in a limited way. The plants of Asparagus and Smilax bloom and bear seeds in California and the South, but cannot be relied upon except for foliage at the North.

**Cyclamen.**—Cyclamen plants should be rested through the summer, during which period keep them in a cool, shaded place and water sparingly, but do not dry off entirely, thus injuring the large, fleshy roots which support the bulb. Many persons keep the plants constantly growing, under which conditions they become stunted and bloom sparingly, if at all.

## HABROTHAMNUS.

THE various kinds of Habrothamnus are natives of Mexico, and usually do well in the summer temperature of the United States. The plants are of drooping habit, with clusters of tubular



HABROTHAMNUS.

flowers at the extremity. They may be trained as standards, or pinched back to assume a bushy form. They thrive in a compost of peat, loam and sand, well mixed. Pot firmly giving good drainage, and partial shade during the heat of summer, and syringing to

keep rid of insects. Winter in a temperature of 40°. Cut back and repot in larger pots in the spring. The plants will not bloom freely when young, or while they are subjected to pinching back. They are easily grown, and very satisfactory when properly trained.

### Sacred Lily after Blooming.

It is as well to discard the bulbs of Chinese Sacred Lily after through blooming. The bulbs will live and bear foliage the next season, but rarely bloom. If preferred they may be kept in a frost-proof place till danger from frost is past, then bedded out. In a mild climate they are hardy, and will take care of themselves till the bulblets become of blooming size, when they may be potted or placed in glasses for winter-blooming again.

**Medicago.**—In starting seeds of Medicago, remove the husk or hull, and sow in a pot of moist (not wet) soil. The plants will soon start, and when large enough can be transplanted to a warm, sunny border. The various species of Medicago are valuable chiefly for their curiously formed seed-pods. The plants are not showy, or worth cultivating for their flowers.

**Clinging Primrose Seeds.**—When seeds of Chinese Primrose are forced the hull is liable to cling to the little plants when they appear above the ground. To avoid this keep the soil simply moist, and the seed box in a cold or rather cool place, giving some direct sunlight as the plants appear.



## ABOUT COMPOSITE FLOWERS.

THE Asterworts form one of the most important of the Natural orders of plants as classed by botanists, the order Compositae, embracing about 1000 genera and 9000 species. To better comprehend this order many botanists have divided it into sub-orders and tribes, the former based upon the form of the corolla, and the latter upon the character of the style and its branches.

A sister from Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, sends the little sketch here given



of a flower of this family, and makes inquiries concerning the parts. The seed, *a*, is called a cypsela or an achene; the bristle-like appendage, *b*, is known as pappus; the five-pointed, tubular part, *c*, is the corolla; inside of this, surrounding the protruding style, are five connected pollen-bearing parts, *d*, called anthers; the recurved, slender

branches above, *e*, are known as branches of the style. These branches are round, or flat, or fringed, or club-shaped, and botanists have founded tribes of the sub-orders upon these peculiarities. Every composite flower, as the Aster, is composed of several or many flowers. When these all have tubular corollas the head is said to be discoid, as in Eupatorium and Tanacetum or Tansy. When part are tubular and part tongue-like, as in the Sunflower, they are said to be radiate. When all are tongue-like or flat, as in Dandelion and Chicory, the flower is said to be ligulate. Every flower in the discoid head is perfect, having complete stamens and pistil. In the radiate head the flowers with tongue-like corolla lack stamens, and must be fertilized with pollen from the central or perfect flowers. The ligulate flowers are all perfect.

The size of the Composite order, and the close similarity and great dis-similarity of the parts of the flowers of some of the genera have combined to puzzle the botanist in forming a comprehensive system that would embrace and distinguish the wonderful variety of plants recognized as belonging to this great family. The order is still being studied by the botanist with the view of simplification, and it is hoped that a more comprehensive classification will yet be found, and that the complexity and perplexity which the student finds in the present system will be entirely overcome.

**Arbutus.**—The Trailing Arbutus now shows embryo buds, and plants lifted and placed in a Fern case in a cool room will soon come into bloom.

## LYCHNIS ALPINA.

A NEAT and pretty little plant found native in Scotland and various parts of Europe is *Lychnis alpina*, which has been in cultivation in English gardens for many years. In habit it is very dwarf, rarely more than six inches high, and its little clusters of pink flowers are borne at the summit of radical stems. It may be regarded as a diminutive form of *Lychnis viscaria*, the large, showy spe-



LYCHNIS ALPINA.

cies known as German Catchfly, which forms such admirable clumps of scarlet bloom when naturalized upon the exposed banks or rocky wayside places about the grounds. *Lychnis alpina* is especially suited for edgings and rockeries, and forms elegant little tufts, very pretty when in full bloom. A white variety is offered this season as a novelty. The illustration shows the habit of the plant, and the form of the flower clusters. Plants are easily propagated from seeds, and are hardy when once established.

**Brugmansia arborea**—This is a Datura-like plant from Peru, and often classed as a Datura. It is a half-hardy evergreen shrub, and must be kept in a moderately warm room and in a growing condition during winter. It requires an exposed place at the North to bloom well, and the flowers are more freely produced when the roots are somewhat pot-bound.

**Geraniums in the Cellar.**—When placed in the cellar in the autumn Geraniums will mostly lose nearly all of their leaves, on account of the changed conditions. Keep the soil moist, however, and give all of the light possible, and they will come out in the spring in good condition for bedding out.

## TWO BEGONIAS.

## THE RIDGED LYCASTE.

**M**ISS JELLISON, of Minnesota, sends the Editor drawings of Begonia leaves which are here reproduced, and encloses with them the following note:

Dear Mr. Park—Here are two representations of Begonia leaves as nearly as I can sketch them.



Fig. 1.

Number 1 leaf is of a dark green color, the under side of a lighter green shaded red. Where the stem joins the leaf is a tuft of red and green bractlets, while the stem is partially covered with small bracts. The leaf stems all come direct from the root. The blossoms are on long stems, and of a green and pink color, very waxy, and last for two or three weeks before fading. It generally blooms about Easter, but my plant failed to do so last spring.

Number 2 represents a very glossy dark green leaf with the under side and stem of a dark red color, both sides of the leaf and stem covered with fine hairs. The blossoms grow from the axils of the leaves, and are of a pink color.



Fig. 2.

I have had these plants for several years, but do not know the names of them. Can you name them from these descriptions? No. 1 stands plenty of sun, while No. 2 loves the shade.

Mabel Jellison.

Itaska Co., Minn., Aug. 13, 1899.

When these drawings and descriptions were received they were carefully compared with the Editor's large collection of Begonias, and the name of number 1 was found to be *Begonia heracleifolia*, while that of number 2 was thought to be of *Begonia metallica cuprea*. A leaf with a pubescent surface cannot appear as glossy as one with a polished, nude surface, but this variety of the Metallic Begonia is glossy notwithstanding the numerous fine hairs with which the leaves are covered. Both these Begonias are handsome, though rare, and are worthy of a prominent place in every well-selected Begonia collection.

**Roots on Cactuses.**—The roots which sometimes issue from the stems of *Cereus grandiflorus* and other members of the Cactus Family may be cut off without doing injury to the plant. When allowed to remain the plant has an unsightly appearance.

**F**ROM Brazil, in 1867, a handsome Orchid was introduced under the name of *Lycaste jugosa*, the ridged Lycaste. The foliage consists of a pair of dark green leaves, two inches broad, issuing from a pseudo-bulb which is smooth and of rather ovate form. The scape rises several inches, and bears two or three flowers two inches in diameter, delicate in texture and showy in appearance. The sepals are



Flower of  
LYCASTE JUGOSA.

of a cream color, the petals white with rich dark purple bars, and the lip white striped and veined with deep velvety purple. The general form of the flower is shown in the little sketch.

This Orchid likes a warm temperature, and should be grown in a hanging log basket filled with chopped sphagnum and coarse peat, with charcoal intermixed to make it more porous. Water very freely while the plants are growing and blooming, and moderately while resting. Ventilate well. Propagation is effected by division of the clumps.

**Fertilizer for Ferns.**—The Maidenhair and other Ferns mostly do well in a moist, cool shade when grown in loose woods mould. If a fertilizer is needed, however, a tea made from the litter of the horse-stall will be found serviceable. Or, apply water slightly charged with spirits of ammonia, say a teaspoonful of spirits to a quart of water, used once in eight or ten days.

**Roman Hyacinths.**—These are hardy, and differ from the Dutch sorts only in the size of the flowers and trusses. They are the earliest of Hyacinths to bloom when bedded out, and the most reliable of all sorts when potted for winter-blooming.

**Tree Peonies.**—These are gross feeders, and require a deep, rich soil. They are often slow in starting after they are set out, but increase in size and beauty each year after they become established. The plants grow from two to four feet high.



THE SEASONS.

Sweet Spring steps forth in royal grace  
From Winter's prison doors,  
All decked in tender emerald tints,  
Rich carpets on her floors;  
And later on in bride's attire  
She looks most wondrous sweet,  
With all the wealth of fragrant flowers  
So strewn beneath her feet.

The birds of spring a symphony  
Of sweet and rapturous song  
Pour out in quivering ecstasy,  
A shower the whole day long;  
And on the incense-laden air  
A wealth of praise is caught,  
And wafted to the God of love,  
Who formed them with a thought.

Soon Spring retreats with courteous mien,  
And Summer takes her place;  
With all the ripening luscious fruit  
Sweet Nature deigns to grace  
This season of the year supreme;  
The flowers a richer hue  
Take on, and heavier fragrance blend  
With Roses drenched in dew.

Then Autumn comes with saddened pace,  
And burst of splendor bright,  
As a flame that leaps the brightest  
Ere it dies down into night;  
The golden grain is stored away,  
The birds of Spring are fled,  
And the rustle of the falling leaves  
Makes music overhead.

Then Winter spreads his snowy garb,  
So soft and pure and white,  
That glistens in the moonlight cold,  
Like flashing jewels bright.  
Each tiny flake a marvel great,  
Of tracery so frail,  
With dainty patterns woven through,  
Some frozen into hail.

Each year these seasons spread before  
Our rapt and wondering gaze,  
So telling out a mystic truth  
Enveloped in a haze  
To us, who are so slow to read  
The wonder of God's love  
Expressed in many matchless types,  
With anti-types above.

Erie, Pa., Oct. 26, 1899.

Lillie Ripley.

OLEA FRAGRANS.

IN the eastern part of North Carolina the lovely Sweet Olive, *Olea fragrans*, is hardy. In the western part it is a tub plant. Everywhere it is sweet and dainty, and well worth having. The plants come high, but everybody wants a few elegant plants. There are times when one desires refined sweetness rather than gaudiness. This is found in the Olive. I killed one with too much water and learned a lesson. One little cluster of flowers scents the piazza. At Wilmington where large shrubs of it grow in the flowery old gardens, the streets are full of its fragrance. It is harder than an Oleander, but hardly so thrifty a plant.

Iredell Co., N. C.

E. F. W.

NEW PARISIAN WALL-FLOWER.

LAST spring, among other seed novelties I sent for some of the new extra early Parisian Wallflower. As this old-fashioned but deliciously fragrant flower is a perennial here, it is quite extensively grown, as in addition to other good qualities it has the merit of being an early bloomer. By taking advantage of this new strain of seed it is possible to have this flower late in fall as well as early in spring, and some who have tried it recommend it as a winter-bloomer for a cold room. In color they range from light yellow to a rich reddish brown, most of my seedlings being of the lighter shades. They do well planted in the open ground, making flowering plants by fall.

Mrs. J. G. A.

Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 13, 1899.

**My Heliotrope.**—Last May I received a tiny Heliotrope, and potted it in a tomato can filled with leaf-mould and sand.



How it did grow! I soon repotted it in a larger dish, and when eighteen inches high repotted in a ten-quart pail. Now, November 13th, it is over

five feet high, and some of the branches are eighteen inches long, and I counted twelve clusters of buds. How is that for a six-months' old plant.

Mrs. E. P.

Gratiot Co., Mich., Nov. 13, 1899.

**Chinese Primrose.**—I have a fringed Chinese Primrose, white with yellow eye, now three years old, that has bloomed constantly since it was six months old, and is larger and handsomer this winter than ever before. The flower stems are "three-storied," each new cluster rising from the center of the older one. The flowers are about the size of a quarter dollar, some as large as a half dollar. I report the plant each season in rich, light soil, setting it deeper in the earth every year, to get rid of the long neck. It now has five flower stems, some with two or more clusters to each stem.

Miss L. M. R.

Worcester Co., Mass., Nov. 20, 1899.

**Freaks.**—Last summer a Balsam plant bearing semi-double, purplish-red flowers produced one flower that was as double as it is possible for a Balsam to be, while the petals were edged with a ruffled band of greenish yellow. A double pink Hollyhock belonging to a neighbor, after blooming pushed out new flowers through the center of the old seed-pods.

Mrs. L. Williams.

Forest Co., Pa., Oct. 30, 1899.



### POPPY FAIRIES.

Little Poppy fairies  
In the morning sun,  
Nodding to the breezes,  
Having lots of fun.

Some are dressed in crimson,  
Some in pink and white,  
Winsome little fairies.  
Oh, what a funny sight.

Now the way to make them,  
If you wish to know,  
Is to take a Poppy,  
The single kind, you know,

Bend some petals downward,  
Tie around the waist,  
Beg a pin from mamma  
To mark a pretty face.

Then two petals outward  
Tied to make the hands,  
With a silken collar  
Poppy fairy stands.

Spread two petals backward  
For the fairy's wings,  
Bobbing in the sunlight  
The Poppy fairy swings.

Dancing in the sunlight,  
Nodding little heads,  
Bobbing in the moonlight,  
When we are in our beds.

*Mrs. F. H. Grasty.*

### A HYACINTH'S BLOOM.

A Hyacinth's bloom  
Is filling my room  
With fragrance so sweet and so rare,  
I almost forget  
It is still winter yet,  
With the ground clad in snow ev'rywhere.

Bloom on, O, bloom on,  
Till winter is gone,  
And "Tis springtime," we gladly exclaim;  
You drive away care,  
While Jack Frost ev'rywhere  
Is whitening the hill and the plain.

*Allen Co., O. Lizzie Mowen.*

Though our garlands may wither and fade  
Hope's blossoms will bloom in the spring,  
Our song may die out in the silence,  
But hope will more joyously ring.

*Warren Co., Tenn. Miss M. Reynolds.*

### THE HANGING GARDEN.

On a branch of the old Apple tree out there,  
Where the buds and the blossoms grew,  
Robin built her a nest and watched it with  
Till each little fledgling flew. [care

Wind-beaten and empty all winter it swung,  
That little brown nest in the tree,  
Still memory around it fondly clung  
Of the blossom, the bird and the bee.

Just one tiny seed from a berry that grew  
Along by the old garden wall.  
Left there in the nest when the fledglings flew,  
Covered over with moss and all.

A pretty green vine twines over the nest,  
Swaying there in the breeze to and fro;  
No ivy-clad tower the sun ever blest  
A lovelier scene could bestow.

The song of the robin is heard no more,  
No blossom is calling the bee;  
But the vine, like a sentinel, guards the door  
Of the empty old nest in the tree.

*S. Minerva Boyce.*

*Washington Co., Vt.*

### IN A LILY'S HEART.

In the heart of a Lily, what do we see?  
Visions of immortality,  
And hints of what our life should be.

In the heart of a Lily, what do we learn?  
That every blessing hath its turn,  
And God o'er us in love doth yearn.

In the heart of a Lily, what do we find?  
Lessons of purity of mind,  
And true perfection of its kind.

Of the heart of a Lily, what do we know?  
Almost nothing here below,  
Its secret waits for Him to show.

*Medina Co., Ohio.*

*Dame Durden.*

### GARDENS OF THE SEA.

'Tis said that in the ocean depths  
A mimic world there lies,  
Where hills and valleys, forests, plains,  
And towering mountains rise.

This ocean world the Father made  
Before He thought of ours,  
The "sea and and all that is therein,"  
And finished with the flowers.

No human hand hath care bestowed  
Upon these gardens fair,  
We only know God planted them,  
His angels gave the care.

*S. E. A. Higgins.*

*Santa Barbara Co., Cal., Nov. 14, 1899.*

### LILY-DE-VALLEY.

Oh, Lily-de-Valley, sweet-scented flower,  
That grows in yon wood-shaded dell,  
You send up green banners to warn of the hour  
When your sweetness to us you will sell.

Soon 'mongst the carpet of bright green leaves  
The spikes of blooms may be seen,  
There beauty and grace and sweetness cleaves  
In the dell of Dame Nature serene.

*Ohio.*

*A. L.*



## TREATMENT OF PELARGONIUMS.

I HAVE a pink and maroon Pelargonium five years old, which is like a shrub in size, and now occupies a large water pail. Every spring it is a mass of blossoms, and is beautiful to behold. Also I have the purple and white variety, and the pink and white, called by some the Apple Blossom Pelargonium. The last named, although very handsome, is not so good a grower as the other two. It grows long, straggling branches, and does not take on a nice, bushy form.

I start Pelargoniums from cuttings, after they are through blooming in June or July. I pot in small pots, using for soil one-third each of leaf-mould, sand and good garden soil. I keep the plants in partial shade the rest of the season, watering and showering as needed. The old leaves will all drop off, and new shoots will come out which will bear flowers next season. Keep them in a sunny window through the winter. Be careful not to overwater, and, above all, not to apply fertilizer till the buds show, and then in small quantities. I have ruined one or two by trying to hurry them in that way. A moderately cool room is better than a very warm one. I keep mine in a south room where there is no fire except at night, and the heat comes up a hall and stairway. Shower them with rain water, and turn the plants once a week, or they will grow one-sided, and water only when they seem dry. Always use warm water. In February or March they will usually bud, and will then require more water. Once a week pour boiling water over some old, dry cow manure, let it stand until the color of weak tea, and water with that, and I think your Pelargoniums will do well. Mary B. Appley.

Windham Co., Conn., Nov. 9, 1899.

[NOTE.—Unlike the *Zonale* class of Pelargoniums the fancy Cape sorts are subject to the attack of the green aphid. Cut tobacco stems placed upon the soil, and occasional syringings will mostly keep them clear of this pest. In starting young plants root-cuttings may be used, as well as cuttings of the top. Make them an inch long, and insert in sand with the end just even with the surface.—Ed.]

**Cannas.**—Cannas are easily raised from seeds. Those having very hard shells should be filed or scraped on the end till a little white spot can be seen, then place in the soil, pour hot water over it, and keep damp till the plants appear. They look like corn when coming up. All they need is good, rich soil and a little moisture. My Cannas get the sun all day, and it gets very warm here at midday. The bronze-leaved Cannas are the prettiest. Madam Crozy is just beautiful. Mrs. J. M.

Whitman Co., Wash.

## FLOWERS IN EARLY WINTER.

COMPLAINT is often made of failure to have plants bloom in early winter. It is, however, an easy task if one commences in season. In the spring I begin to plan for the next winter. Plants intended for winter are not put into the ground, unless it be those of quick growth. I rarely fail to have flowers continuously from October until time for putting them outdoors. At this writing I have in bloom Geraniums, Abutilons, Begonias, Gloxinia and *Ruellia Makoyana*. *Ageratum* is in bud, while *Cyclamen* and *Primroses* will come later.

Old Geranium plants will do better than young ones. When they are small sacrifice flowers to get good, stocky plants; by pinching back freely branches will form, so that instead of having a straggly or "leggy" plant, there may be a dozen or more heads. Keep in pots in summer, as nearly dormant as possible. Repot in late August or September, with soil not too rich. Moderately rich soil and small pots produce flowers. Opposite conditions will make foliage, but no flowers.

Abutilons are easily grown, and with plenty of water bloom constantly. Plants should be cut back freely to make branches. Of the Begonias there is none more satisfactory to me than the *Rubra*. If kept growing it never fails. A four-year-old plant has not been without bud or blossom for a long time. Other varieties do well, but none are more sure. The new *Ruellia Makoyana* is proving satisfactory, but I have not had it long enough to know its likes and dislikes. For a north window nothing is better than *Zanzibar Balsam*. I am sure others can succeed as well as I do, for I can only give them moderate care with plenty of love.

Hortense W. H.

Hampden Co., Mass., Nov. 11, 1899.

[NOTE.—*Primula obconica*, *P. Forbesii*, *Crasula cordata*, *Lopesia rosea*, *Eupatorium riparium*, *Stevia serrata*, *Euphorbia splendens*, *Peristrophe variegata*, *Plumbago coccinea* and *Justicia coccinea* are all winter-blooming plants that should be in every collection. You could hardly keep them from blooming if you give them ordinary attention. You can rely on them.—Ed.]

**Begonia Rubra from Seeds.**—I saved some seeds from the *Begonia rubra*, and though I did not expect they would amount to anything I scattered the little fine seeds over a box of soil and did not cover them, but kept them watered. In a short time the tiny plants began to show, and I had about fifty plants. But the most curious part of it is, the leaves are spotted, and I wonder if they always do that way.

Mary J. Bartlett.

Franklin Co., Mass.

**SNOWDROPS.**

Peeping above the frozen ground,  
The dear little Snowdrops may be found,  
Fresh and dainty and clean and bright,  
In handsome robes of green and white.

Nodding their heads as if glad to see  
Sunlight and air, and you and me,  
Welcome! Sweet Snowdrop, we love you so,  
We are glad when you come and sad when you go.

*Lisbon, Ohio.*

*Iris Trienne.*

**ABOUT BUDDED ROSES.**

**I** HAVE been propagating Roses by the budding method for many years, and the method has much to recommend especially in a tropical climate. I use for budding stock the Manetti, a Rose brought from Italy. This stock has fewer objections than any I have ever used, and I have used many. It has no insect enemies, few thorns, does not sucker, is easy to grow from cuttings, a very rapid grower, not affected by drouth or extreme wet weather, and is hardy over the greater part of the United States. In this tropical climate we have extremes of drouth or rain. The finest Roses cannot stand it on their own roots. The strong roots of the Manetti push the fine Roses, and make them grow into strong bushes much sooner than cuttings planted, and some Roses are much improved by budding on a strong, healthy stock. Care must be taken to keep down the sprouts of the stock, so as to give the fine Rose a chance. After a few months the fine Rose becomes master of the situation, and not many Manetti sprouts will appear. Fertilizer must be applied freely, and the plants given constant care, and all blooms cut as well as the old wood. The blooms come only on the new wood. The old wood should be carefully taken out once a year. This gives the new Roses vigor and keeps them healthy. As to manure, I find the coarse, chaffy manure from the horse lot very fine, to be applied in the fall. It protects and stimulates the roots. The effect is seen in the next spring's growth. Early in summer I manure with thoroughly rotted cow manure mixed with clay and sand, one-third each. This will keep the Roses growing and blooming all summer. But do not forget on the approach of cold weather to give them their winter mulch of stable manure.

Any common, non-blooming Rose can be easily converted into a fine ever-bloomer by budding the young, tender shoots that will soon appear after cutting off the old top. I begin to bud when these shoots are about the size of a lead pencil, and in this favored clime can bud my Roses every month in the year, but the wood must be in a tender, growing condition, so the bark will slip. Waxed strips of cloth or graft-

ing wax should be used to keep out the rain.

This work is very fascinating. The amateur will be delighted at the magic results. There is a wide and interesting field for experiment. Some Roses will not grow on some stocks, just as some people are not congenial. Plants have their likes and dislikes. Let me urge the FLORAL readers to give more attention to the Rose family. Roses will reward your care and attention a thousand fold. Mrs. G. W. Avery.

Hillsboro Co., Fla., Nov. 27, 1899.

[NOTE.—Often the common hardy wild Roses can be converted into plants of great beauty by budding. The work is simple, and the results mostly satisfactory. If the buds do not set the stock is not injured, and can be re-worked the next season. The strong-growing Swamp Rose (R. Carolina), found along streams in the eastern States, is healthy and tenacious, and will be found especially desirable as a wild stock for budding.—Ed.]

**Datura.**—I received in exchange some seeds of Datura. I had never seen Datura flowers, nor was I partial to evening flowers. Part of the seed was planted April 1st. By the time the weather was suitable for transplanting out of doors I had six sturdy plants. One beautiful moonlight night in August the first flower opened, measuring five and one-half inches, pure white, emitting a sweet odor. One would be charmed watching a hundred flowers with their fragrance unfold in the moonlight. They are exquisite for evening decorations. Hereafter I shall always have a spot for some. They can be lifted and kept over in a frost-proof place, the next season almost becoming a shrub.

*Eliza Bradish.*

Worcester Co., Mass.

**Experience with Morning Glory.**—I had a few Morning Glory seeds several years old, and, wondering if they would grow, I stuck one in a pot with another plant. Finally a stem pushed up with some fuzz on top. I waited, but it neither grew longer nor developed leaves. Getting impatient one day I went to remove a little earth from the roots to "peek," when it came up, disclosing two tiny leaves in place of roots. I had planted it upside down, and when it started to grow it pushed the roots up instead, as the earth on top was looser.

*Miss F. H. Luscomb.*

Allston, Mass.

**Palms.**—Give your Palms plenty of root room and warm water, and they will be your least troublesome pets, and with fairly good soil and a warm place will grow all the year round. E. G. E.

Cuming Co., Neb.



**A TINY BLOSSOM.**

'Twas only a tiny blossom,  
That, plucked from a mountain height,  
Concealed in its velvet petals  
This message of rare delight.

"I love you." The passing breezes  
Repeated the story old;  
"I love you." It seemed imprinted  
In the blossom's heart of gold.

"I love you." The subtle fragrance  
Was breathing the sweet refrain,  
And birds in the dun old forests  
Seemed singing it o'er again.

"I love you." Ah, lips that are faithful,  
And heart that is true to me,  
The flower has carried your message  
Far over the deep blue sea.

any delicate plant. Geraniums do best of anything, perhaps. Abutilons and Lantanas we have found useful here. The pretty little variegated trailer, *Glechoma nepeta*, makes a lovely hanging plant if plenty of water is given. The common Boston Ivy, *Ampelopsis Veitchii*, is a desirable trailer for a hanging basket. The dwarfed Cannas will furnish foliage. We have found *Calendulas* very useful in this situation, the rich golden blooms persistently produced affording the glow of color so grateful to winter-tired eyes. Indeed, common as they are, *Calendulas* are not to be despised in any general collection of plants, so rich are their tints, so shapely their blossoms, hardly inferior to compact



NEW GIANT CHRYSANTHEMUM-FLOWERED CALENDULA.

For though but a tiny blossom,  
And plucked from a mountain height,  
I read in its velvet petals  
A message of rare delight.

Wash. Co., Vt.

Gene. L. Boyce.

**PLANTS FOR WEST WINDOWS.**

**A** WEST window is a peculiarly difficult place in which to succeed with plants, especially if a stove be near, as often happens. The lack of sunshine during most of the day, and then the sudden heat and glare of the sun just when artificial heat is most intense ordinarily, forms a combination of unfavorable conditions. Such plants as will thrive with little sun, like Ferns, Begonias, etc., will not do well here. The extremes of temperature, day and night, are too great for

*Chrysanthemums* in the improved sulphur and orange strains. They are very easily and quickly raised from seeds, an added recommendation to those who can ill afford to buy florists' plants.

Mrs. W. A. Cutting.

Middlesex Co., Mass., Oct. 28, 1899.

[NOTE.—*Abutilon Mesopotamicum* is one of the best plants for a west window. Start it in the spring, shift into a larger pot as its growth demands, and give support as the slender branches develop. Thus treated it will bear its lovely, drooping vermilion and yellow blooms throughout the winter, and prove a most pleasing addition to the window collection.—Ed.]

**Gem Calla.**—My Little Gem Calla has borne but one flower in two years, and that flower was not pretty. It increases better than it blooms.

Mrs. Mort.

Montgomery Co., Ind., Nov. 20, 1899.

## LILY OF THE VALLEY.

**T**HIS flower is a universal favorite, and well deserves its popularity. Its modest bells and dainty grace, its exquisite fragrance and ease of culture make it an ideal plant. It is exceedingly well adapted to flowering in pots in winter. It may be forced for the holidays, and there is no flower more beautiful than this for personal adornment. For winter bloom a half dozen pips should be planted in a four-inch or five-inch pot, and placed in a cool spot until needed for blooming. They may be kept in cold storage nearly all winter, and a succession of blooms obtained by bringing a few pots into the light and warmth about four or five weeks before the blossoms are wanted. They should always be well supplied with water.



LILY OF THE VALLEY.

Beautiful and most interesting designs for the parlor or conservatory may be produced by planting the pips in Crocus pots, or in pyramidal pots made especially for this purpose and pierced with holes. No one who has not seen them grown in this manner can appreciate their modest beauty. The flowers remain perfect several weeks. They should be kept as cool as possible, and out of the sunshine, for the flowers are always more perfect and last much longer in a cool atmosphere and a shady place.

The flowers are forced in large quantities for the cut flower trade by the florists. While they sell the flowers quite reasonably there is a fascination about seeing the buds develop that no flower enthusiast can resist. If desirable that the bulbs should be forced rapidly for some special occasion bottom heat will be found advisable. If the pips are taken from the ground select only those with good crowns. Use fairly rich soil with a liberal quantity of sand, and good drainage. If the pips can be placed in soil and subjected to severe frosts they usually start more vigorously.

The bottom heat may be supplied by placing the pots on the top of the warming oven, or on the shelves at the back of the stoves. The buds will soon start and grow. Flowers have been produced in this manner in the incredibly short time of three weeks.

The Lily of the Valley is very accommodating. It may be grown in moss or in glasses of water, as it makes little root before flowering. The old-fashioned way of growing the Lilies in large patches out of doors is still favored by many. They should be given a partially shaded situation, and the patch will increase in size and beauty. When the patches get too crowded the plants should be separated and replanted, in September or October.

Lawrence D. Fogg.

New Haven Co., Conn.

[NOTE.—It is hoped that the above remarks upon the Lily of the Valley will encourage many persons to get a few pips and give them a fair trial in pots for winter-blooming. Only the best imported pips should be obtained, as success can hardly be expected with inferior plants.—ED.]

**Gladiolus from Seeds.**—I have been experimenting in raising Gladiolus from seeds, and am much interested in the work. I planted seeds of some choice varieties, and succeeded in raising about twenty-five plants, one of which bloomed the second season. The remainder are nearly all of blooming size, ready for the third summer. The seed was sown early in a shallow box placed in a hot bed, and the whole surface of the soil was covered with sphagnum moss, which was kept moist all the time. This kept them at the same temperature all the time, and always moist, without which care many of the seeds would fail to germinate. When large enough to handle the tiny plants were transplanted to a deeper box where they remained all summer, and the next season they were planted out in rows with the other Gladiolus bulbs.

Marian Meade.

Winnebago Co., Ill., Mar. 15, 1899.

**The Plant Room.**—If a room is hot and the air moist plants do well. Mine succeed in a cool, dry atmosphere. But nothing will thrive in a hot, dry room. If the room is warm water should be evaporated, and every day the windows opened. In a bay I keep the center window open every day when the thermometer is above 50°. As I have no heat until the last of December the plants do well, and have little affliction from pests. A bay facing south with east and west windows and a glass roof will need no artificial heat, for the sun will keep it warm, except during the very cold days in January or February.

Georgina G. Smith.

Dubuque Co., Ia. Oct. 24, 1899.



## ANOTHER SPRING.

Under the depths of ice and snow,  
Under the leaf-mats, brown and low,  
In the frost-locked earth, so dark and cold  
The flower-germs hidden beneath the mould,  
Unconsciously waiting the early rain  
To awaken their hearts into life again;  
And the robins call will tell us true  
The wild blue Violets bloom anew.

Under the wasted years of life  
Buried in sin and marred with strife,  
But we hope that the soul by the Father given  
Will re-awaken to bloom in Heaven.

Dubuque Co., Iowa.

M. M.

## HANGING BASKETS FOR WINTER.

WE do not altogether like to resign our hanging gardens in winter, nor is it necessary if some care is used in the selection of plants. In some respects the situation of hanging plants in winter is of the most favorable description. They are in the warmer upper strata of air, and they are not so liable to suffer from over-supply of water, owing to the more rapid evaporation of water in this situation. On the other hand it is rather more trouble to protect them when a cold night comes. If the basket or pot is suspended from a hook, a piece of cloth of suitable size may be hung from the hook and disposed about the plant.

For a window which is partially shaded choose Tradescantias, Vincas, Moneywort, Smilworth Ivy, Selaginellas, Ivies, Boston Fern, or other Ferns of strong growth. For warm, sunny situations, where flowers may be expected, use Tropæolums, Ivy Geraniums, Lobelias, Torenia, Mesembryanthemums, Maurandyas, Thunbergias, &c. For center plants use Begonias, Geraniums, Petunias, if made compact by pinching, or any bright, vigorous plant of shrubby growth.

Fuchsia speciosa, almost the only Fuchsia worth depending upon for any winter flowers, may easily be made to assume a trailing form by inducing the plant to throw out as many branches as possible about the lower part of the stalk, and as they grow weighting them slightly to make them depend on all sides. This Fuchsia is really a gem when grown in this way.

Mrs. W. A. Cutting.

Middlesex Co., Mass., Sep. 21, 1899.

**Milkweed.**—At Chicago Fair the Hollanders had brought some rare plants they cultivate with great care. Looking at them they were our common Milkweed—exactly plants for city garden, the farmer's pet, loved by bees, and the little boys' playthings. Two shades of pink grow in the North, and several colors in the South.

Worcester Co., Mass.

E. B.

## BUTTERFLY LILY.

ONE of the sweetest flowers we have during the summer months, that is from about June till November, is the Butterfly Lily, *Hedychium coronarium*. In this section it is hardy, having stood one degree below zero last winter without protection. The flowers are pure white, and very near the shape of a butterfly, from whence its name. They are very fragrant, and one or two will perfume a room. It increases rapidly, making jointed roots underground, from which the flowering stalks come up early in the spring. I should think in the North it would be better grown in a large box, or else take up the roots in the fall and treat the same as Cannas or Dahlias.

C. S. Brown.

Mobile Co., Ala., Nov. 6, 1899.

**Don't Sprinkle Gloxinias.**—

Gloxinias will not bear sprinkling. One authority says: "If you get any water on a Gloxinia bud you may just as well cut it off and throw it away, for it will surely blast," and he is right. I have a friend who nearly went wild over Gloxinias, and she got a bulb which grew finely and was full of buds. One day she said to me "I don't see what ails my Gloxinia. All the buds drop off, and the foliage is spotted with yellow spots." She showed it to me, and I said "You shower it, don't you?" I thought so by the looks of the plant. She answered "Yes, when I do other plants." I said "Well, Gloxinias will not stand any water on the plant—only on the root." She stopped showering it, and it did finely and bloomed nicely.

Mrs. Geo. S. Randall.

Plymouth Co., Mass.

**Bougainvillea.**—I saw Bougainvillea spreading out in all its glory over a two-story house in San Diego. The house was large, painted white, and stood on a hill overlooking the city and harbor. It was a mass of pink from foundation to roof, and beautiful beyond description.

Mrs. M. V. Allen.

Bond Co., Ill., Aug. 23, 1899.

[NOTE.—At Irapuata, Mexico, the Editor saw a vine of Bougainvillea covered with enormous panicles of bloom. The effect was glorious. The vine should be planted at every Southern home. —Ed.]

**Pests.**—Insect powder dusted upon plants infested by aphids will rid them of the pest. For white worms a very weak solution of lye made from wood ashes is excellent. This solution heightens the colors in colored-leaved plants.

Dubuque Co., Iowa.

G. G. S.

## MARGUERITE CARNATION.

HAVING read a great deal of the good qualities of Marguerite Carnations I decided last spring to give them a thorough trial. Other varieties in the garden had succumbed to the severity of an unusually cold winter, so the fact that the Marguerites were supposed to bloom in four months from seeds proved an additional temptation. I obtained a large packet and planted in shallow boxes of rich soil, previously heated to kill worms, etc. The seeds were carefully planted in rows, set about an inch apart each way, lightly covered with sifted soil, and placed in an east window where they got the benefit of the morning sunlight. Nearly every seed grew, and in a short time the sturdy little plants were transplanted to larger boxes, which were put out of doors every pleasant day to insure a healthy growth. Early in May they were set out in the open ground, and by the end of July were covered with buds. All through the fall months they yielded an abundance of bloom, and every shade and color known in Carnations seemed to be represented. Two fine plants, one white, the other a beautiful rose color, were potted for winter-flowering and give promise of blossom for many weeks, while those in the garden are still covered with buds and flowers. These will be given some light protection in the shape of leaves or evergreen boughs, and I look forward to even more satisfactory results from them next summer. They have the true Carnation fragrance, though I found the odor much stronger in some plants than in others. The veriest novice need not hesitate to try raising Marguerite Carnations from seeds, as they do not need the fussing and care required by very fine seeds, and will amply repay all the time given to their culture.

Mrs. J. G. Alcock.

Vancouver, B. C. Nov. 13, 1899.

[NOTE.—There is always more or less variation in seedling plants, and the difference in fragrance referred to might be expected. The same variation is found in seedling plants of Verbena, Pansy, Petunia, and other well-known flowers grown from seeds.

## The Mealy Bug.—

The best remedy I have ever found for this pest, the ugliest and meanest, I think, that infests house plants, is to wash the plants well with a wash made of two parts water and one part alcohol, using a soft brush. When we see the deadly effect of alcohol on animal life we cannot wonder at its serious effect upon the human family.

Iola, Kan.



MEALY BUG.

Lide.

## THE ASPIDISTRA.

THIS plant has immense, fleshy roots and is a great drinker. The one I have was put in a five-inch pot. During the first winter it looked thrifty but did not grow. When spring came it was repotted in new earth, in a six-inch pot, and given plenty of drainage. During the summer it sat upon the steps in a saucer. The place was a hot one, and I gave it buckets of water, sometimes watering it three times a day. In the middle of the summer I discovered a leaf turning brown. I examined the plant and found it root-bound. I shifted into an eight-inch pot, in which it managed to get through the summer. It sent up eight new leaves, which grew twelve inches long and four wide, beautifully marked with white. In the fall it went into a ten-inch pot, and this winter is simply grand as a decorative plant in the bay conservatory. I water it during winter until the water runs through and fills the saucer, and then do not water it again for two or three days. It is unfolding one leaf this winter, but its greatest growth is in summer.

Georgina G. Smith.

Dubuque Co., Iowa, Nov. 14, 1899.

[NOTE.—The *Aspidistra lurida* variegata is a beautiful evergreen plant, hardy in a mild climate, and enduring the dry air of the living room better than most other plants of tropical appearance. The flowers, which appear at the ground, are so small and inconspicuous that they are rarely noticed. As a decorative plant for the amateur it has few equals and is worthy of general cultivation. It is readily propagated by division.—Ed.]

**Rudbeckia.**—I have found the Rudbeckia Golden Glow a water-loving plant. Mine wilted badly hot afternoons, even if watered well the evening before. We looked up a large tin bucket with several holes in it, and hid it in the pretty tuft of leaves. About noon we filled the bucket with water, and there was no more drooping buds. I like the plant. The flowers are prettier than most yellow ones, but the color is not so pure as I find it in my Globe Marigolds.

E. F. W.

Iredell Co., N. C. Dec. 4, 1899.

**Fertilizer.**—Here is a receipt for liquid fertilizer which I have found especially good in the latter part of winter, when the earth in the pots is somewhat exhausted:

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- 2 " nitrate of potash.
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A. M. S.

Shirley, Ill.



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## A EUROPEAN TRIP.

### LETTER NO. 27.

In the morning of August 16th I left London, on a northbound train. The air was clear and crisp, and the sun shone brightly, lighting up the narrow streets of the old city and reflecting from the gilded domes and spires in glorious effulgence, giving everything a happy and cheerful aspect. All nature seemed to be attuned, and as we passed out from the city and through the elysian pastures fenced with close green hedges interspersed with tall, stately trees, each field showing its group of sleek cattle, thorough-bred horses or fine-wooled sheep, the rich green of the landscape illumined by patches of white daisies and scarlet Poppies, the scene was indeed enchanting, and calculated to inspire one with the poetry of life.

After some time we stopped at a manufacturing city called Watford. The chief industry here seemed to be of ironware, such as ranges, stoves, and other household things. The cottages here, as in other parts of England, are mostly of brick, two stories high, with metal or tile roof, from which protrudes a large chimney surmounted by a half dozen or more tile pipes or flues, just as you see upon the houses in London. A pleasing thing was that each little cottage seemed to be a home in aspect, cozy and comfortable. About were shade trees and shrubbery, the front brightened and made attractive by pots and boxes of plants and flowers, while in the rear was the vegetable garden, well kept, and decorated by borders and stray groups of flowering plants. This home-like character I found common throughout England, and it is a pleasant recollection to me of the land of our ancestry.

Passing on from Watford we enter a lovely farming country. On both sides of the railroad large, luxuriant fields of wheat, barley, oats, buckwheat, clover and grasses were to be seen, while rows of trees along the hedge fences, groups of trees, and bits of forest and shrubbery

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here and there made the rolling landscape a dream of beauty. Some of the fences were of wire and some of sandstone, as well as hedge rows. There were some orchards, but apparently not very fruitful. The trees were mostly set close together, and were barren. Where the wheat was gathered it was stacked in the old-fashioned circular pyramidal form yet to be seen in some parts of the United States. The barns were generally small—hardly more than might be denominated stables with us.

England is a country that has been under civilization for many centuries, and the tillable land is all under cultivation, supplying the elements of life to many millions of people. It might be supposed, therefore, that the country would be densely settled. If you entertain such a thought banish it at once. You can pass for miles through the rich lands and notice only an occasional farm building. Often the land seems almost in a neglected state. Do you ask why? It is because the great bulk of the land is owned by dukes and lords, and is entailed to the oldest son from generation to generation. The land is not cut up into small estates, to be owned and enjoyed by the humbler classes of people, as in the United States. The dense population of the kingdom is gathered in cities, towns and villages, and the land is owned and managed as large estates, one estate often containing thousands of acres. This is more than one man can look after and cultivate as it should be cultivated profitably in a densely populated country like England, and so the fields are often seen grown up with thorns and thistles, while the poor in various parts are suffering for want of the necessities of life. In some parts near large towns and cities we find big tracts devoted entirely to gardening. Such tracts are divided off into small squares or lands, apparently to rent out to individual gardeners. Often each tract has a little house upon it from five to eight feet square, evidently designed for the storage of farming utensils wher not in use. Here are large patches of Cabbage, Turnips, Beets, Carrots and other vegetables in a high state of perfection. A curious fact to the American is the absence of Sweet Corn, Melons and Tomatoes from the English gardens. Indeed, in

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\*In many places in England and Scotland may be found at markets and grocery stores Canteloupes which are shipped in from the south of France. These melons are egg-shaped, rather large, smooth, and of a peculiar glaring orange color. In quality the flesh is sweet, rich and pleasant, but not equal to the delicious Emerald Gem and other Muskmelons which we grow in the United States. In all of my European trip I did not see a specimen of Sweet Corn, Tomato or Watermelon. There was no Corn upon the farms. Corn is not one of the farmer's products in Great Britain and northern Europe.



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### QUESTIONS.

**Lye for Plants.**—Will Luella Cain, Platte Co., Mo., please tell what quantities of wood ashes and water she uses in making lye for plants, and how often she uses it, as given in October, 1899, number of the Floral Magazine.—Emma T., Wis.

**Farfugium grande.**—Please permit me to ask how to treat my Farfugium grande. The stems of the leaves grow too long, even though it has a large, sunny east window, and this spoils the pretty, compact look that I have seen in many plants. Brown spots come on the leaves, and these spots become dry and lifeless. I can detect no insect or scale on the leaves or stalks, and the plant grows thriftily. It is in a seven-inch pot.—Mrs. G. W. B., N. Y.

**Chrysanthemums.**—What can we do to keep Chrysanthemums from mixing?—Mrs. H., Mich.

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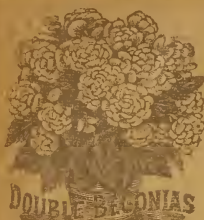
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**Newcastle, Ind., Nov. 18, 1899.**

**Dear Flower Friends:**—We all enjoy the sociable little Magazine, and read and re-read it many times. Now that the year is done I've arranged my copies together, and have placed the spring and fall catalogues at the back. Through them all I've bored holes and run narrow ribbon through, tying them all together. In this way the year's copies are all together, and convenient, and one often looks over the catalogues as well. **Dubuque, Ia. G. G. S.**

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K. L. P.

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Dear Mr. Park:—It is now some six or seven years since I subscribed for your Magazine, and during that time its growth in size and circulation has been wonderful. I think it now stands at the head as a good and useful guide to floriculture, and the amateur will find it a sure road to success if well studied, and its advice taken. I find in its columns a store of wealth in the cultivation of my plants.

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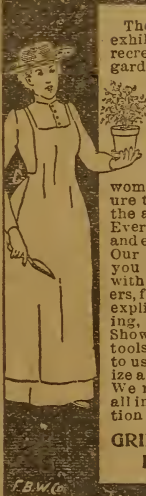
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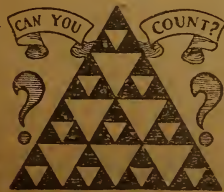
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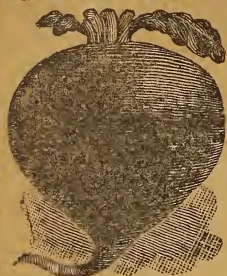
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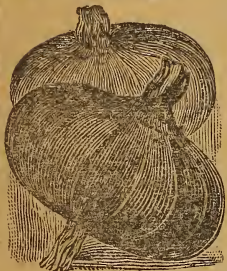
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## CORRESPONDENCE.

About Pæonies.—Dear Mr. Park: My admiration for Pæonies dates back to my earliest recollection, and thereby hangs a tale that may be of interest to the readers of the Children's Corner. When I was about three years old, one morning I was skipping along on the sidewalk when I caught a glimpse of some huge scarlet Pæonies, the sort "that grew in our grandmothers' gardens." I was as shy as a woodchuck, but seeing no one about I pushed my face against the pickets of the fence, and gave vent to audible admiration. "Oh, the Pineys, the pretty Pineys! How I wish I had a Piney!" But, as it happened, the good lady who owned the flowers was within earshot, and suddenly I heard her saying "Little boy, do you want a Piney?" I was as startled as though I had been caught stealing, and exclaiming "No! No! I don't want any Piney!" I started to run. But with kindly voice and manner she coaxed me back, and soon after there was a very proud little urchin making for home with one of those glorious big blooms in his hand. The story has been handed down to posterity, and in recent years when anything has been said about Pæonies a pair of saucy eyes have sought mine and a roguish little miss would say "Little boy, do you want a Piney?" Chas. A. Banister.

Hampden Co., Mass., Dec. 13, 1899.

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Ans.—The leaf and berries received are of Solanum dulcamara. The berries are medicinal and poisonous, and when eaten in sufficient quantity will cause death.

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Pæonies.—I have three Pæonies—one red and one white, planted in a sunny exposure, in moist, well-drained soil on the south side of the house, and these bloom well, but another planted in a shady place and in dryer soil on the north side has grown for three years, but has failed to bloom. Can you tell me why?—Z. E. Jay, Ga.

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Mr. Park:—I read and re-read your Magazine, and do not care for any other, as yours gives such correct descriptions. Mrs. F. Blalock.

Fayette Co., Ga., Nov. 16, 1899.

Mr. Park:—I have taken your Magazine for three years, and am always glad to see it. I find it a splendid help to me, as I am a great lover of flowers. Mary S. Canedy.

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## BRIEF ANSWERS.

**Non-blooming Jonquills.**—Occasionally the bulbs of Jonquil produce only leaves, and are a source of disappointment. Under such circumstances they should be lifted after the leaves die. Dry them and store them in paper bags in a cool cellar or closet till October, then bed them in a raised, sandy bed fully exposed to the sun, to remain for several years. If they are still flowerless replace them with blooming-sized bulbs obtained from an importer. The Holland bulbs are reliable, if planted in October or November, and will be sure to bloom outdoors in early spring.

**Moonflower Seeds.**—Sow these in a box of sifted porous soil, covering one-fourth inch deep, and pressing the surface firmly with a board. Water freely the first time, then keep the soil merely moist until the plants appear. In a wet, warm soil the seeds are liable to rot, or the tender plants to damp off. Fresh seeds treated in this way will yield a large percentage of strong plants.

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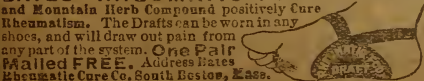
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Charlie Chapman.

Houghton Co., Mich., Nov. 16, 1899.

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Miss Stella Rice (age 13).

Shawano Co., Wis., Nov. 20, 1899.

Dear Mr. Park:—My flower seeds came all right. We had so much rain I could not plant my seeds until June, but they came up nicely, and I have lovely flowers. The Orchids and Petunias are masses of bloom. I am going to send and get the Tulips in a week or two. I am a farmer boy ten years old. We live on a prairie three miles from town. I have three pet sheep. I have one brother and two sisters, all younger than I am.

Clarence Roberts.

Clallam Co., Wash., Nov. 15, 1899.

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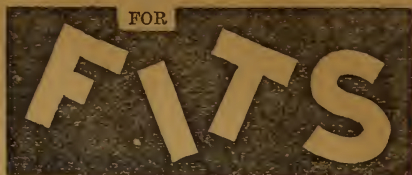
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Miss Maude Churchill.

McHenry Co., Ill., Nov. 1, 1899.

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Minnie S. Berry.

Marshall Co., Ala., Nov. 6, 1899.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl eight years old. I go to school and am reading in the second book. My mother is sending for a collection of seeds. She gets your Floral Magazine, and I like reading the Children's Corner. Everybody in our family likes flowers, even the boys. We have a nice flower garden out of the collection of seeds we got from you last year. We lost all our house plants last winter. We have a Lemon Tree and Date Tree growing from the seeds.

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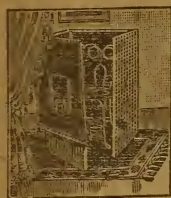




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Mrs. Marshall.


Indiana Co., Pa., Nov. 24, 1899.

Lantern Plant.—Dear Flower Friends: I got two Chinese Lantern plants, and they did not bloom for two years. Then I set them in the garden. Now I am trying to get the weed out. They are ugly plants, and the lanterns are rough—not near as nice as red Pepper pods. It has long white roots, and has spread eight feet from where it was planted. Will someone tell me how to get rid of it.

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### SOME NOVELTIES.

Some five or six years ago I bought a Little Gem Calla. It has never bloomed. I have coaxed, rested, fertilized, watered, and done all I could to induce bloom. The corns are large, it makes fine growth and large leaves, but does not bloom.

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The Empress of China was no better. It grew and grew, but gave no bloom, and last winter, its third, it killed root and branch.

My next fraud was Shoo-fly. I received a paper of seeds the first spring it was ushered upon the public with so much promise. I think every seed grew. I gave away all the plants but five, potted four, and put the fifth one in a flower bed. I was called to Colorado to a sick daughter soon after and was gone about two months. In looking over the pot plants, after my return, I asked about the Shoo-fly. "Oh, mamma, as far as flies are concerned it is a fraud—no good." Then we went to look at the garden. There it stood in all its glory, taking all, giving nothing but leaves and stem. Aghast, I exclaimed "What's that?" With a laugh, my daughter replied "Shoo-fly" It carried me back to my childhood days, when, with other children, I had made many a playhouse under its branches in fence corners and out of the way places. We called it "Kiss-me-quick," because its flowers lasted such a short time. I quickly uprooted that novelty, and over the fence it went into the pasture, but I was too hasty, for seed ripened and scattered, and now I have a weed to fight.

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Pettis Co., Mo., Oct. 25, 1899.

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Ottawa Co., O., Nov. 19, 1899.

Mr. Park:—I send order to-day for Magazine. I have received several copies, and feel that I would not like to do without it. I don't see how you can give so much for the money. I think one of the greatest missions on earth is the work of a good, honest florist. So I hope ever hereafter to be counted among your many friends.

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Mrs. Tuttle.

Sonoma Co., Cal., Nov. 9, 1899.

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Broome Co., N. Y., Nov. 11, 1899.

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